

This post is the same as my original [post at FGI](#) :

Now that a new administration will be coming into office soon, it is more important than ever to encourage our Government to make Congressional Research Service (CRS) Reports publicly accessible online. Here at FGI, the topic of CRS Reports has been written about often, but I was inspired to create this blog post and take action after seeing Starr Hoffman's DLC [conference presentation](#) last week (click on "Search Document" and enter "Starr Hoffman". Her PowerPoint, "Encouraging An Informed Citizenry" will come up as a PDF to download).

Starr is responsible for maintaining University of North Texas's [Congressional Research Service \(CRS\) Reports Archive](#)

In her presentation, she gives tips for writing to Congressmen and lists some past legislative *efforts*

(Bills that never passed both houses of Congress) to make CRS Reports publicly accessible. I have gathered some other Bills, as well as all the contact information for the sponsoring Congressmen and have included them in my

[Delicious.com "CRS" tag](#)

as well as in this list:

1998 [H.R. 3131](#) , [S. 1578](#)

1999 [H.R. 654](#) , [S. 393](#)

2000 [H.R. 4582](#)

2001 [S. Res. 21](#)

2003 [H.R. 3630](#) , [S. Res. 54](#)

2007 [H.R. 2545](#) , [S. Res. 401](#)

[Senator John McCain](#)

Introduced S. 1578, S. 393, S.Res. 21, S. Res. 54, & co-sponsored S. Res. 401

[Senator Mike Enzi](#)

Co-sponsored S. 393

[Senator Leahy](#)

Co-sponsored S. 393, S. Res. 21, S. Res. 54, and S. Res. 401.

[Senator Tom Coburn](#)

H.R. 4582 co-sponsor when he was in the House.

[Senator Jim DeMint](#)

Introduced H.R. 4582 when he was in the House.

[Senator Joe Lieberman](#)

Introduced S. Res. 401 and co-sponsored S. Res. 21 and S. Res. 54

[Senator Tom Harkin](#)

Co-sponsored S. Res. 54 and S. Res. 401

[Senator Susan M. Collins](#)

Co-sponsored S. Res. 401

[Senator John Cornyn](#)

Co-sponsored S. Res. 401

[Congressman David Price](#)

Co-sponsor for H.R. 3131, H.R. 654, H.R. 3630, and H.R. 2545

[Congressman John Campbell](#)

Co-sponsored H.R. 654

[Congressman Jay Inslee](#)

Co-sponsored H.R. 3630 and H.R. 2545

And you can find and contact your local [Senator](#) and your [Representatives](#) too.

James A. Jacobs did a Google search this past June for **"Received through the CRS Web" OR "CRS Report for Congress"**

combined with

site:house.gov

and then again for

site:senate.gov

and got around 600 hits with each. For example, here are some domains he found that you can search within for CRS Reports or to search for those in Congress who may support public access to CRS Reports: bartlett.house.gov, holt.house.gov, radanovich.house.gov, weldon.house.gov, bennelson.senate.gov, carper.senate.gov, lugar.senate.gov, murray.senate.gov, etc.

For more information on CRS Report legislation efforts, visit [this site](#) which contains a "Campaign for Online Access" section.

Spread the word about this post and good luck in writing to your Congressmen! If you have other ideas, please share them in the comments.